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THE YEAR 1900 promises some startling developments in the history of the world. It is the year of the presidential campaign and the politicians of the American nation will be rallying their forces around the political standards; but it will not be until near the close of the year that the definite results will be known. All of the political machinery of the nation will be running. Agitation will extend from the central committees to the individual voters; and yet, what could be accomplished in the political field, were it not for an army of workers all over the nation?

The great religious bodies will endeavor to do their best also; and all the fallacies of the world will be actively promulgated during the year 1900. There are hundreds of publishing houses turning out books and papers by the millions of copies. Notice how active they are! They seek out every possible means to obtain readers, and endeavor to create demand for their products. The people are reached, not alone through advertising, but through interested readers and workers scattered throughout the world. This will be a busy year for the advocates of all the false theories under the sun; friends of the different movements will talk about them, distribute their literature, and solicit subscriptions. It is through individual effort on the part of those directly interested in a movement, that a stupendous influence is exerted. Thousands can do more than a few; and every movement depends, in a great measure, upon the personal work of its people everywhere.

How much more important is the Truth than the fallacies of the world! The truth must be promulgated. The weight of responsibility is first laid upon one;

then upon the few, then upon thousands; and as the number of those who accept the truth grows, momentum increases, at an accelerated ratio, until Truth becomes universally recognized. We have looked over the field of the world; it is a large one, filled with golden opportunities to make the greatest possible strokes for Koreshanity during the present year, through the employment of every legitimate and effective means of placing the truth within the reach of the millions. Koreshanity is a new System; and there are thousands everywhere who have never heard of it. There are people in all parts of the English-speaking world who would enjoy THE FLAMING SWORD if they but knew that such a publication exists.

We are inaugurating a great Campaign of Propaganda; and we want the personal influence of every one interested in the promotion of the cause of genuine Truth. Our friends and readers are scattered throughout the world, in direct touch with the people. It is among the people that effective work for THE FLAMING SWORD must be done. We must all rally around the Koreshan Standard of Righteousness, and fight the fallacies which are eagerly accepted by minds loosed from the creeds. Of course this will require courage; but it will not be difficult for those whose hearts are warmed with the love of truth. Spasmodic efforts do not amount to much; it is persistent effort that tells in the end. Powder flashes are over in an instant; but it is the force of determination in well-directed aims, in well-laid plans, that accomplishes the great things of the world.

Our year's campaign begins with a number of workers in the field, devoting their entire time to Koreshan propaganda; then there are those who are active whenever possible, in their own cities and towns; and there are others just entering upon the work. Our mails during the past few weeks have brought us much encourage-

ment. Not only is THE FLAMING SWORD highly commended, but a determination is expressed by many that they will assist us in swelling our subscription list during 1900. Indicative of the character of our recent communications, we insert the following:

MANAGER FLAMING SWORD:—It seems to me that the best possible way to begin 1900 is by writing a note of appreciation of our beloved SWORD; and also enclose a subscription for the paper sent to a dear one for this year. Wish you, each and all, a happy New Year, lovingly,—Mrs. M. J. B., Tacoma, Wash.

GUIDING STAR PUB. HOUSE:—I have never been so encouraged in Koreshanity as I am at the present time; and I for am going to roll up my sleeves to work Koreshanity as never before. I am trying to help swell that subscription list, if possible, and I will start by renewing my own. I have been reading THE FLAMING SWORD ever since it was first published, and I am convinced that KORESH is the truth.—J. B., Grant's Pass, Ore.

It is due to the great cause of Koreshanity and its Founder, that we do more and better work during the remarkable year of 1900 than ever before; and we believe that this is to be a remarkable year for the increased distribution and sale of Koreshan literature. We have thousands of circulars that should be distributed; literature that should be sold; the CELLULAR COSMOGONY that should be in the hands of every truth seeker; and THE FLAMING SWORD that should be read by everybody. You can make your work pay for your time. We allow 50 per cent off on the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, in lots of 50 or 100 copies; 50 per cent off on pamphlets; and 25 per cent off on yearly subscriptions to THE FLAMING SWORD. Thus clubs of ten subscribers may be paid with \$7.50, the solicitor receiving \$2.50. Watch this page for other offers, and in the meantime, think the matter over, and write the Guiding Star Publishing House what you can do.



# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## The Great Epoch of Human Destiny.

The End of the World or Dispensation, and the Coming of the Great Conflagration; When the Equinoctial Colure Rests Upon Fomalhaut in the Southern Fish, the Sons of God are Manifest.

IT IS OUR PROVINCE to pronounce the character of the closing acts of the Christian dispensation, in the great drama of revolution inevitably destined to mark the transitional revolution of Mazzaroth—the cycle of the ecliptic. God prepared a great fish to receive Jonah, when in the turbulence of the waters, the prophet of the Most High was cast overboard to preserve the ship and the lives thereupon endangered. Cetus, the whale, in the heavenly constellations, indicates the progress of that civilization in which shall manifest the firstfruits of the ages in the development of the sons of God. Beginning with the entrance of the equinoctial colure into the head of the stellar region called the constellation Cetus, there obtained the corresponding initiation of that ethnic development, the career of which should constitute the median line of human progress, and the channel through which should flow the central current of divine influence, extending to the fruition of the Tree of Life.

Cetus—the great fish prepared of the Lord to absorb or swallow Jonah—is none other than the gigantic Leviathan instituted through the ethnic infiltration of the lost ten tribes, wherein Egypt, Chaldea, Israel, Arabia, Media, Persia, and Assyria were blended to constitute that supreme race of progression which now marks the advanced civilization of the age, the Germanic race, the Anglo-Saxon in the lead. The movement of the colure over Cetus indicates those chronological divisions, the series of which culminates

in the great epoch of human destiny defined in the precession of the equinoxes, reaching their climacteric when, upon entering Aquarius, the equinoctial colure crosses that star of the first magnitude located in the eye of Pisces Australis, or the southern Fish, the star occupying a position near the foot of the constellation Aquarius, or water-carrier.

While defining the character of the movement of the sign Aries (for this is the significator of the equinoctial colure) on the ecliptic, the student's attention is called to the corresponding and coördinate precession of the solstitial colure. This colure is passing from the constellation Gemini into Taurus, north, and from Sagittarius into Scorpio, south; but the constellations have long since departed from the corresponding signs in the earth. This colure is moving into the constellation Orion; on reaching the star of the first magnitude, Betelguese, it marks the brilliancy of that hunt for science, which revolutionizes all human thought and turns the wisdom of the wise men backward and makes their knowledge foolish. Orion is the mighty hunter; and the Star Betelguese, in the right shoulder of the constellation, is indicative of the might of the genuine seeker after truth, for knowledge is power, and the right shoulder signifies the center or root of power; and the key of David laid upon the shoulder of Eliakim (God is setting up), is signified by this star in the shoulder of the constellation. The solstitial colure is also approaching the star Capella (the goat), the heart of Auriga the Chariot-



eer, and the star Aurigae, or El Nath, the foot of Auriga, and the horn of Taurus. The colure will lay across these two brilliant stars at the same time. They are stars of the first and second magnitude, and indicate the date of the theocrasis. No astronomer at the present time has fixed upon the exact point of the zenith, therefore none are able to locate the exact point of either the equinoctial or solstitial colure.

As the progress of human destiny accelerates the momentum toward the ultimate fulfilment of the predictions made in the prescient consciousness of antiquity, and preserved in the sacred records of ancient periods in the advancement and history of the world, we approach the vortex of desire and catastrophe. The propulsion of human momentum is augmented proportionably with our approximation to the center of vortical attraction, until finally time becomes obliterated in that process of foreshortening which hastens the close of the dispensation. "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." The law of foreshortening—which urges the dispensation to the climax of revolution, in the destruction of the old governments of the world, and the dissolution of an effete Christian church, the end of time, when the old heavens and earth shall pass away—operates also in the acceleration of the precessional movement, hastening the termination of the age, and the fruition in which it culminates.

It is impossible, on the basis of a chronology founded upon the regular precessional movement, to determine the exact time of the end, for there comes a time of foreshortening dependent upon a change in the obliquity of the ecliptic. These changes of obliquity are regular in their occurrence, but the movement is not continuous and gradual as in the precessional progression. The ecliptic is now twenty-three and one half degrees oblique to the equator. There was a time when the ecliptic was forty-five degrees oblique, and further back in the ages, it was at right angles to that point on the earth now called the equator. At that time, the ecliptic passed around the earth on the line of the meridian and through the poles, at which time the torrid zone was through what are now the north and south poles of the earth. We are rapidly approaching the time when the solstitial poles of the ecliptic will swing on the pivot of their axis (the axis of which Cancer and Capricorn constitute the poles), so as to bring Cancer and Capricorn on the belt or circle now called the equator. This movement will be a sudden one, followed by social and physical catastrophe.

The preparation of the fish that was to absorb Jonah, began when the ten tribes—having already absorbed Chaldea, Egypt, and Arabia—were carried away into Assyria by the Assyrian kings and located where their infiltration with Media, Persia, and Assyria

could be easily accomplished. It was by the ethnic infiltration of Israel (Ephraim), the ten tribes, that a racial impetus was given to the nationalities absorbing the lost tribes. This ethnic infiltrament was succeeded by a universal barbarism, the legitimate mediate product of the racial conglomeration, the barbarism of the Germanic tribes which comprised the ethnic development proceeding from this racial miscegeneration. The Germanic family of nations, culminating in the Anglo-Saxon, is the direct product of this infiltration of the lost tribes of Israel with the pagan nation, into which they were absorbed by intermarriage.

This pagan race, passing down through the ages since long before the coming of the Lord; this uncivilized, barbaric horde, has now become the nations of the most marked progress and civilization. The momentum of this progress was due primarily to the absorption of the ten tribes; the specific impetus being the ministration of the rite of circumcision, adhered to by the ten tribes until the time of their revolt from Judah, under the instigation of Jeroboam. This people comprises the great whale, the Leviathan, *represented* by Cetus, in the constellation of the heavens. When the equinoctial colure passes off the tail of this constellation, the end of the age is upon us, the time of the resurrection of the dead, and the fruition of the Tree of Life, because Jonah (John), Elijah the prophet, has matured from this whale, Cetus, the Anglo-Saxon of the Germanic race.

The Germanic family includes the Latin nations. The Latins, or Romans, had their origin from the Trojans, but their development and progress began with the absorption of the Sabines, who were of the Germanic stock. The Latin nations of today have more of the Germanic blood than of any other. The progress of the Germanic peoples is due to the transmission of the blood of Joseph, the Hebrew, and of Asenath, the Egyptian; for these were the parents of Manasseh and Ephraim. These tribes were both included in the carrying away and absorption of Israel, Jeroboam, the son of Nebat of the tribe of Ephraim, being the instigator of the revolt of the tribes.

The words Jonah and John are identical. John came as the sign of the Son of man, the Messiah. The Lord said: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a *sign*; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonas." John was this sign, therefore he was the prophet Jonah. Now, if we render the term Jonah into English, we say *dove*. John was the only man of all those who were looking after a sign, capable of comprehending it, because he was the only one whom the Spirit had enlightened regarding what the sign should be. He saw the Spirit (from himself) lighting upon Jesus in the form of the dove, that is, the sign of Jonah, the John who came in the spirit and



power of Elijah. It is well now to inquire into the relation of the spirit of Jonah, the spirit of God, to Cetus the whale.

At the time of the Lord's manifestation, the equinoctial colure was culminating the constellation Aries, and therefore crossed the belly, or stomach, of the constellation; and correspondingly, the sign Aries, the anthropostic equinoctial, crossed the belly of the great whale, the Leviathan, which began when Israel was lost by ethnic absorption into the nations, and which will end when the sign has advanced far enough to pass not only off the constellation Cetus, but into Aquarius sufficiently to cross the star Fomalhaut, in the southern Fish.

The Holy Spirit proceeding from the incorruptible dissolution of the Lord's body, was the extension of the spirit coming from John when John baptized the Lord with the Spirit of the Father, which was in John as Elijah the prophet until the spirit of the Father, which was the spirit of prophecy, was transited from John to Jesus. This spirit was transferred from the Lord to his disciples, and through them to the belly of the race created by the union of the tribes with the nations into which they were infiltrated through intermarriage. The dove that was in John was carried over, through the shedding of the Holy Spirit, to the great Leviathan. This was the spirit and power of Elijah. Elijah, then, the *sign*, the only sign to be given to the world, was Jonah. This Jonah was swallowed by Cetus, the whale, the Leviathan, the product of the ten tribes.

Now, because Jonah went down into the belly of hell, to the bottoms of the mountains, so that the earth with her bars was about him forever (for the age), he must come up out of the belly of hell at the termination of the movement of the colure over the constellation Cetus, significant of the movement of the corresponding anthropostic constellation. The sign of the Lord's coming arises out of the hells of the human race; not only so, but out of the specific race which appropriated the Lord in his descent into the belly of hell.

Entering a little more specifically into the consideration of the location of the solstitial colure, we find it marking the definite constellations: Scorpio (scorpion), symbol of the science of liberty; Lepus (hare), symbol of transition from natural to spiritual life, and Columba (dove), symbol of the Spirit, and inauguration of peace. Thus the sign Cancer is on the prime meridian north of Columba, and is approaching culmination in this constellation. Peace cannot come to the earth until this culmination, — which is yet some years off.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I

come and smite my devoted." The great and dreadful day of the Lord culminates in the paroxysm of the three woes, in which the three curses terminate. These three woes embrace social and physical catastrophe, — conditions upon which the world is now entering. Immediately after, and beginning with, the culmination of the curse; after Elijah, the Sign of the Lord's coming, proclaims the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness, there will proceed the conflagration so long predicted by the prophets of old. This burning is not the destruction of the physical world by fire; it is the electro-magnetic combustion (the dematerialization) of thousands of people, with an incorruptible dissolution. It is not a painful burning, but a transformation without the ordinary death and corruption of the body, a change to be desired by as many as hope to become the sons of God.

It must be understood that the attainment of this climax of mortality, this point of incorruptible dissolution, is not the attainment of immortal life. This is the ultimate death, the second death, that in which the second death terminates. Those who enter this fire are not hurt of the second death. The human race is now in the progress of the second death, the end of which is in the great conflagration. At this point, death is destroyed in as many as enter the fire by confession and obedience. Let no student of the Koreshan cult mistake this obliteration of the outward personality for that subsequent state of immortal life in which the male and female are conjoined in the virgin man, the *vir-gune*, or male and female man, — the biune.

The conflagration is the end of the world. The male and female energies of this fire will flow toward and into the female center — the woman prepared of the Lord to become the focal point of this influx. Through her office as the elaborator of the sons of God, the chosen ones will arise into sonship and immortality. The preparation for this fire is the work of the angels authorized by Elijah the prophet, the Sign of the Son of man. These angels will go forth clothed with authority, gathering the tares into bundles to be burned, the tares being the wicked people who confess their wickedness, and under this confession recognize the commission and authority of the Sign of the Son of man — Cyrus, the Messenger of the Covenant.

The enemy who sowed the tares, put them in the same field with the wheat. They are not gathered until the harvest, when the tares in which the wheat is obscured, are gathered into bundles (societies) to enter the conflagration. Out of this fire the sons of the Eternal will arise. These people will come out of Babylon, the old church, including the head and the tail of the old dragon. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."



There are two comings of the Lord. In the first one, he comes as a thief in the night. This is the manifestation of Elijah (God the Lord), who comes without recognition, without observation. This is the Sign, known only to the few. After this, through the conflagration of the wicked who confess the Lord and their sins, the Son of man will come in the thousands who,

out of the fire, are made the sons of God. The manifestation of the sons of God is the coming of the Son of man in the *second* coming. The first coming is the personal Elijah, Cyrus, the Lord's Anointed; the second coming is Elijah's manifestation in the sons of God. In the second manifestation, He comes in power and great glory. We discharge a part of our obligation to God and to the world, in this annunciation.

## Power and Charm of Divine Royalty.

The Servant of Humanity on the Imperial Throne of the Divine Kingdom in the Earth; the Coming Aristocracy and the Enlightened Masses Throughout the World.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE SPELL of royalty is broken when it ceases to represent the majesty of the law. The people learn to despise authority when it fails to command respect by the moral force of a noble example. Disintegration of the conservative forces which must represent the heading up of the power of an organic unity, means a weakening and a falling away of its whole life as a community or nation.

The division of property and power engenders fear of further division, and excites jealousies and suspicions and all evil passions. The ownership of all property and power by a supreme and imperial Head who holds it in trust for the good of all, effects the divine protection of private rights in the use of everything. Therefore, the greatest among men must be of such spirit as will make him the faithful servant of all. The motto of the beneficent emperor of a truly scientific era must be: "I serve humanity."

The divine system of government in earth is an imperial system. The sooner the world yields to the forces of the science of truth demonstrating this fact, the sooner will every man find his legitimate place in the universal economy, where alone he can be perfected after his kind, and made supremely happy. The one King by divine right is the divine scientist, who is the embodiment of the application of truth to life. The present generation of Gentiles is to arise and seek him and surrender all the kingdoms of this present age of fallacy and social chaos, with all their property rights; for only by so doing can divine equity be established, and every man be given the supply for all his needs.

Koreshanity is to teach men by a divine method of its own, that only in organic interdependence, and in dependence on their Center, can equity ever prevail in the distribution of all the goods of life, in every domain. The science of the great law of equity—value for value, is protective to both the universal body and its supreme Head, from the evils of unbalanced conditions. Men have become prejudiced against royalty, because they have been forced to maintain royal forms unanimated by the spirit of the royal law. A royal priesthood is the scientifically authorized executive power of universal authority. Such a priesthood, animated by the prophetic spirit of the divine Scientist, will finally effect the

reorganization of every nation in the earth, in the establishment of the kingdom of universal peace.

The common people of America retain the educational prejudices of their forefathers, without possessing their moral stamina and faith in a divine power that inspires people with courage and impulses nations in lines of progress. The Americans' love for independence has too generally come to mean self-interest of the basest sort. They are ignorant of the true meaning of the term commonwealth, and of the science of a social organization in absolute interdependence for the perfect security of their normal rights and privileges. Where the evil spirit of selfishness is dominant, men cannot live harmoniously with each other. Mutual fear of the frictions of competition everywhere necessitates police and judicial protection, and taxations grievous to be borne.

In vain, attempts are made to guard mankind from the consequences of ever-increasing constitutional weaknesses and vices. Already the death sentence of our present body politic is scientifically announced, to be speedily executed in the order of law. A false optimism tries to ignore this fact, but the rational mind clearly discerns as operative, the most efficient causes of death; yet even those who see them, lack courage to subject our nation to a scientific probing and diagnosis of its case.

It is in the nature of God-begotten men to desire to attain divine royalty. Yet in their degenerate state, they even more than others seem to gloat over the destruction of the aristocracy which creates it. They look upon its leveled ruins as a basis upon which to erect themselves to social elevation of some new form. Neither the form nor the life of a new aristocracy and royalty can be genuinely better, save as the principles and purpose of their construction are in harmony with the divine science of the universal laws of cosmic order. The American nation, the most advanced in the world, is a conglomerate of plutocratic republicanism and democracy, permeated by the spirit of antichristian socialism and anarchy. It is rapidly collapsing into a final chaos; it is now in a state of scientific, religious, and political fermentation, continuously effecting disastrous ruptures in its time-worn institutions. These will precipitate it into the final universal revolution, which



must involve the solution of all problems relative to the fundamental principles of permanent organic unity.

Permanent organic unity is to find expression in a united church and state—the imperial government of the Golden Age. A great Divinity is shaping the final destiny of America and of all nations in subordination to it. Men seek liberty, but without the science of its restraints and adjustments, they obtain but the license of lawlessness and its bitter fruits. They seek equality, but without the science of equity, involving the science of functional emplacement, there can be no equalization; and they find but tyranny in its worst form, every man's hand against every other man. They seek happiness, not knowing the science of divine righteousness, of which it is the legitimate fruit; and they become nauseated with the sickening pleasures of the lusts of the flesh, and the divine contempt for mortal pride.

The men and women of today are the men and women of the future. Our spirit entities, our thoughts, have a future life in new forms. Our physical energies, though dissipated by death, are refocalized in the physical stars in the physical heavens, to be reprecipitated and materialized as new forms for both our progressive and retrogressive spirits. We pass through the vales and shadows of both spiritual and physical death, in the fear of the Lord, the beginning of wisdom, till the knowledge of the Lord through the science of his laws, awakes in us his perfect love, which casts out fear and its torments.

The Almighty has an imperial throne,—the intellect of a man after God's own heart. He has also an altar,—the will of God. This calls for the sacrifice of everything in opposition to the laws of His divine being. Conjoined to himself as its head, He has a body of many members, fitly joined together, loyal subjects and joint heirs, who perform the true uses of life, liberty, and equity.

The Imperio-Republico regal system of government is fashioned after the pattern of the perfect man, the

Lord, who is the infolded universe. To him every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that he is the legitimate King of kings and Lord of Lords. The world falls into the hands of the living God at the end of every age. The Christian era has produced its one Christian man, its Christos, its Messiah.

The ship of State cannot carry on the commerce of the world to come, without a prescient eye at its helm; nor can the Mother of the Gods—the church of Christ, give birth to their manhood in the earth, without the holy seed of the divine son and husbandman to perpetuate their vitality. Therefore, as surely as the sign in the Zodiac,—the great clock of the universe, indicates the day and the hour, the Messiah comes; he comes with clock-like regularity, to speak the Word of the Lord that perpetuates the life of the universe for another cycle of time—another "world."

The finger of time, "the Sign of the Son of man in heaven," indicates the birth of a Son in the land of Ephriam, the twin-land, the United States. To this land has come the greatest Prophet of all the ages, to guide nations to their destiny. Even now he is attracting the commercial power of the world to America—the daughter of the British lion—the young lioness with eagle's wings, destined to wear the crown of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the helmet of the world's salvation. She is to be renewed, transformed, and transfigured, to give the light of the divine Science of all truth to a benighted world. By this light will she direct the New World's commercial energies. To this end is she unwittingly expanding her territories, and opening doors for the world's free trade. Her imperial power must find imperial expression.

Righteousness alone exalteth a nation. The "Rider on the white horse," has *the* name written on his vesture and on his thigh. He comes forth conquering and to conquer. By the might of his *Flaming Sword*, the theocrasis that guards the way of the Tree of Life, will he conquer. By the might of this Sword will the transfiguration of this nation be effected, and a new earth and new heavens be created in the power and charm of Divine Royalty.

## A Fable for Koreshans.

ISABEL HOYT.

ONCE there was a very wise and good man who lived upon a high hill, up the sides of which rose white stepping-stones, and at its base lay wide-spreading, fragrant fields and pastures. In his travels abroad at one time, this good man found and brought home to his children, a beautiful silver pitcher, promising them that he would some day fill it with rich milk for them to drink, and that when they came home at supper time, tired and heated from work or play, each should have a cool refreshing draught. But these children like many others we have met, grew impatient for their treat, and often came running into the house to look into the pitcher (which their Master had told them had a golden lining) but they only saw their own faces reflected back to them, drawn and unshapely because they had looked too much on one side. Some grew angry and threw at

the pitcher, spitballs which they had chewed from an old newspaper picked up from wayside hedges; and some of the neighbors' children declared it no better than they had at home in their own small houses; others, more rude than the rest, took hold of the pitcher and tried to tip it over, and tarnished it with their soiled hands; but the Master as often came, and with carressing fingers quickly polished it anew until it stood in the middle of the table as bright and shining as before.

The Master's heart was often saddened by these restless children, for he was trying to teach them to be patient and trustful, and they were very slow to learn. Now there was an old servant who had lived with this same Master many years; he had noticed the great brightness of the pitcher, and his Master's admiration for it, and he wished to learn the mint value of the metal, so he lifted the pitcher to see the mark and found there a name, engraved by the Master's hand: *Victoria*.



## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

GREAT PROBLEMS, as old as time and as vast as the universe, have, time and again, forcibly pressed themselves upon the world for solution. The feeling of the necessity for the uncovering of the great mysteries of life is growing upon humanity. The past is behind us, with its ruins; the present is here, with its difficulties; and the future is before us, with its stupendous possibilities. Standing at the very threshold of the new age, thousands are endeavoring to catch glimpses of the new world. It is but natural for man to anticipate; indeed, who does not, after witnessing the rapid strides of world-progress during the nineteenth century? The hand of man has accomplished wonders during the period of the rapid development of the American people; and even the most casual observer is forced by the very palpable evidences of present achievements, to expect that the new century will bring to humanity yet greater wonders in all lines of human activity. In contemplation of the future the mind grows optimistic, in spite of the present dark picture that is thrown upon the screen that divides the ages. Humanity grows hopeful through merely witnessing the external evidences of progress; and yet, what a surprise it would be to the world if it could but see the great world-forces as they pencil toward the consummation for the purpose of leading humanity to its destiny! The future is being read in the light of scientific prophecy. The laws of all human progress and the secret of life have been discovered; and the light of Science, the climax of all mental progress, shines through Koreshanity, revealing what the hand of man will accomplish during coming times. Through the prescient Eye we see all modern evils destroyed; the powers of oppression crushed; mental darkness dispelled; war and hell abolished; humanity emancipated, and the world transformed. We see order growing out of chaos; the new government merging from the vortex of revolution; the new humanity rising from the fires which will culminate the age. We see the new social structure, new world-industries, the new commerce, the new civilization. Science has come to lift the burden of humanity; to dignify labor; to clothe man with virgin purity and immortality; and to crown woman with a halo of glory. We are nearing the time of the consummation of the ages, the ripening of the fruit of the Tree of Life. The great day has dawned, and the new century will witness the triumph of Koreshanity throughout the world!

Religion is the strongest bond of humanity; it involves the very elements of organic life and unity. Some form of religion exists with every great people or division of the anthropotic world. Religion is a necessity in the order of human progress; the universal religious instinct is proof that the true religion must, at some time, be understood and applied as the supreme factor and power in the government and perpetuity of humanity. Religion does not mean a mere belief; it is a bond which unites hearts and impulses the world. It means to retie; and the supreme religion is the re-tying of God and man, in the *καιροι αναψυχης*, the seasons of invigoration, the times of the *souling-up* of man. The souling-up occurs at the end of every dispensation; and every dispensation has its specific religion, which characterizes the age. Where great religions have prevailed, energies have been conserved which, at intervals, express themselves in powerful religious movements. Modern minds who consider religion as utterly useless and unnecessary, may engage themselves with the task of accounting for the deep-seated and universal religious instinct. Religion is conducive to longevity; the true religion culminates in victory over death, and in the attainment of natural immortality. We have before us a table

of statistics, which shows that religious teachers, priests, and preachers attain to greater age than any other class of men; in the table, we count the names of twenty-two religious devotees of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, who attained to the average age of 137 years. The time is coming for the new religion, the re-invigoration of humanity. The religion of Koreshanity is not a mere belief in Deity; it consists in the scientific application of discovered laws of life in the establishment of an organic unity of living human battery cells, in which the forces of the entire nucleus are polarized for the supreme purpose of destroying death and accomplishing the resurrection of the millions of the dead to natural life here in this world.

The evidences that the church has fallen away from the truth and perverted its life, may be seen in the many striking contrasts between the primitive Christian church and the modern shams of Christendom. The Founder of Christianity instituted a communistic system, in which the goods of life were held in common. His followers were filled with the spirit of self denial for the benefit of others. They had the courage of their convictions; no mortal tie was considered too sacred for them to break; no social barrier was permitted to stand in their way; no pecuniary considerations prevented their whole-souled and voluntary sacrifice and service. The fiber in them was strong and durable; and they manifested a degree of manhood that has commanded the admiration of the world. Does this fiber enter into the fabric of the modern church? Is that manhood displayed in the clergy of Christendom? Is that unselfish spirit manifest in the pulpit and the pew? The church has in it the majority of the parasites of civilization; the church has locked arms with the corrupt aristocracy of Europe and America, and endeavors to shield with her cloak, the powers of world-oppression! The links between the church and the money power are strong; the majority of the millionaires of the world support the church; and thousands of clergymen are as eager to accumulate wealth as the speculators in the money marts. Recently in England, 60 clergymen have made their wills, bequeathing property representing in the aggregate, over \$60,000,000; while in the famous East End, London, there are thousands of people—church members, too—who are on the verge of starvation. The pretensions of the modern church are a hollow mockery, and the entire system is hastening on to inevitable doom and terrible judgment!

The agnostic considers the solution of the universe as impossible, and that man will always remain an enigma to himself. Modern science is culminating in atheism and agnosticism; and this fact alone is sufficient to prove that that which is called science today does not contain the elements of truth; because if it did, the problems which confront the world would have been solved long ago. In scientific circles, it is contended that "the widest observation and experience in a lifetime, and the most complete familiarity with the results of all investigations of the past, will not remove the barriers to a solution of the problem of this universe, because no amount of knowledge possible to man can relieve him from the organically imposed limitations of human intelligence." What a crude misconception of the world of humanity! It allots to every man one lifetime, and then sinks into oblivion both man and ego. In the domain of physics, scientists hold that no force is lost; and yet, they consider that in the domain of mind, in the world of the most potent and refined energies possible to be generated, the mental substance is snuffed out when the man ceases to breathe! If no force is lost, there can be no cessation of being



of man at dissolution of mind and body. The relation of mind and matter is so interdependent as to provide for the impression of all experiences to be made in the mind, until, like the plant which sums up all the experiences of the corpuscles in the involved consciousness of the seed, the entire universe finds its central pole of positive impression, the climax of experience, the summing-up of all consciousness in one man, who holds the involved universe in mental solution.

Prof. Max Muller deplors the fact that through modern literature and educational methods, "our memory has been systematically ruined;" and that "it hardly deserves that name any longer, when we remember what memory was in the ancient times." The failing of the mentality of the modern world is due to the rapid depletion of the vital forces of man through sensual excesses and indulgences; and man now endeavors to store in libraries that which he cannot retain in his brain! Modern light and trashy literature is demanded by the very conditions which exist in the mind. This is one of the many palpable evidences of human degeneracy. We are living in a period of general disintegration, the age of individualism; the competitive system rules, and humanity is being dismembered. Restoration of the memory of the vidual must obtain through conservation of vital forces, through strict discipline of the mind, application of the laws of grouping of ideas, association of things, and classification of subjects. The mnemonic powers of man will be completely restored when he is *re-membered*. The Almighty has come again to re member the world, to reconstruct the man by putting together the severed members, in the scientific resurrection; and the first step in the most external phase of this work is the scientific grouping of human beings in the Koreshan communistic and co-operative societies, for the aggregation and consociation of specific mental forces which will rise supreme over the powers of sensualism. The laws of grouping necessary to the restoration of the memory of the vidual must be applied to *re-member* the world in organic unity and life.

A little knowledge proves to be a dangerous thing if it is misapplied. A man may know how to make gun cotton and stuff a foot-ball with it; but his ingenuity would destroy his life if he undertook to kick it to the goal in the game. A. Russell Wallace makes the announcement that he believes that knowledge as it now obtains in the world, and as it is applied, shortens human life, and that with all the inventions and discoveries of the nineteenth century, humanity has not shown a proportionate advance. Under the stimulus of geniuses, the world is hastening to a crisis; perverted commercial wisdom is utilized by oppressive powers, which move by sheer force of acceleration, toward the vortex. Men have learned how to produce wealth; but they have not learned how to equitably distribute it. All modern inventions and discoveries are played into the hands of the money power, and are employed to more rapidly draw upon the productive resources of nations, and to sap the wealth and vitality of the people. Koreshanity proclaims a coming mighty sweep of reform, which will take the pivots of power from the oppressors and apply them for the benefit of every man, woman, and child under the sun. The fact that modern science, in its application to human affairs, is proving so beneficial to the few and so disastrous to the many, is proof that the "science" is a perversion in both purpose and application. Koreshanity purposes reversing the order by revolutionizing all modern methods of conducting the affairs of humanity, and making the entire world a great integral unit, equitably relating the productive circumference to the central pivot or fulcrum of human government.

A Texas holiness paper avers that THE FLAMING SWORD "denies the distinct office work and being of the Holy Ghost," from which it is evident that the author of the remark cannot, after having read the Koreshan literature, understand the simplest scientific declarations of Koreshanity. We do deny that the Holy Spirit has anything to do with the "office work" performed by thousands of modern Christians engaged in the competitive system. Koreshanity not only recognizes the Holy Spirit as the supreme factor in the purification of the nucleus of humanity and the salvation of the world, but it also defines scientifically what the Holy Spirit *is*, and whence it emanates. Its source is Messianic. Jesus disappeared from the natural world through a process of combustion of his body; the magneto-electric energies resulting from his theocrasis constituted the Holy Spirit, which entered his disciples as the divine energy which impregnated the church for purposes of regeneration. There was one supreme baptism at the beginning of the age. There was one Lord, and one baptism resulting from the one Lord being consumed. The God of the primitive Christian church was the Man consumed by fire:—"Our God is a consuming fire." There cannot be another baptism until another man overcomes death and reduces himself to energy to be infused into a following. The religious world is now being impelled by numerous *unholy ghosts*, which have come out of the supulchers of a corrupt humanity.

Churchmen are endeavoring to derive some comfort from church statistics for the year 1899; but there is no enthusiasm over the results. Christendom is hopelessly divided, there being about one hundred different Christian denominations or sects in America, whose membership aggregates about 27,000,000 people, infants and mere adherents included. During the year, the net gain of all the churches combined is only *one per cent* of the aggregate membership for 1898. The largest reported gains involve the following points: christian scientists, in ministers or healers; the Methodists, in number of churches organized; and the Baptists, in membership. The authorities who have reported church work for the past year, show that the Baptists of the South manifest no marked increase; that the increase in membership in the Methodist church South, has been very small; that the Presbyterian church has made some progress, though not so rapid as in former years; that the Congregationalists have made little progress temporarily, and even in some respects have retrograded; and that three other denominations have materially decreased in numbers. When we consider that the increase of population of the United States of America is over two per cent a year, the one per cent increase in church membership makes a very poor showing for modern Christianity!

There is no question that the forces which are impulsing the world are accelerating. If we were to express in units of impulse that which has stirred and stimulated the world during the past one hundred years, and increase the number of impulse units in the ratio of geometrical progression throughout the period of the century, we would have the mathematical expression of the accumulated forces which are now operative. Humanity is grappling with new problems which have arisen through unparalleled progress. Commercial and industrial progress is changing the entire world; modern enterprise is pushing itself across the sands of the desert, over the mountain ranges, across the plateaus, through the jungles, and into the frozen regions of the North and South. Uncivilized peoples are asked to move out of the way, that the great railways may girt the globe. The forces which now impulse the world are unrighteous; greed and selfish clamor for power are in it all. The sweeping changes must soon or later reach the awful cli-



max; but it is in the order of progress, because in the vortex the great forces will reach the transmuting point, and the stupendous volume of human and cosmic energies will be turned into the channels of right uses for the blessing of the world.

The transmutation of energy and matter to their opposite qualities and kinds, provides for all the phenomena of the universe. In the great world of effects, we find the manifestation of various qualities and kinds of substances; all substances are related according to law, because every substance is susceptible of metamorphosis, and energy of a given quality must finally reach its opposite state. Physicists admit that all energies are correlated; and that all kinds of matter are correlated; and Koreshanity *demonstrates* the fact that energy and matter are correlated. Matter as related to energy, is basic; matter is the pediment of all spirit, and the spiritual world is in the material, tangible, natural world of humanity. Heaven and hell are opposite states in humanity; hell originates through the descent of substances from heaven, which, in their successive transmutations in their descent, become transformed to opposite qualities. Heat may become cold; cathodic energies are transmuted to anodic energies; light becomes darkness; and life, through vitiation, becomes death. The processes of perpetuity of the universe involve the fall and the resurrection of man—the processes through which life becomes death, and through which the mortal man becomes immortal.

Christianity undertakes to guarantee to the repentant mind the forgiveness of sin, in the name of the Christ. The extent to which the churchmen believe what they teach, is illustrated through the columns of the daily press. A tall young man, with tears streaming down his face, apparently truly repentant, arose in a meeting of an eastern rescue mission, and announced that he had been a pickpocket, and desired to reform; and he wanted the mission to help him. Here was an excellent opportunity to transform a vidual whose convictions led him to frankly and honestly confess what his course in life had been. The statement threw the meeting into a state of consternation; he was immediately arrested and taken to the police station, and sentenced to jail for thirty days. He announced that he had left England to change his course; he came to the United States that he might begin a new life, under different environments; but when he came to the teachers of modern Christianity in America, he was arrested and thrown in jail for endeavoring to serve the Lord!

The Czar of Russia is offering to the world further proof of his insincerity in proposing universal peace. Immunities from military service extended to the Mennonites by the ancestors of the Czar, are about to be repealed. About one hundred years ago, thousands of Mennonites emigrated from Germany to southern Russia, rather than allow themselves to be enlisted in the German army. The Czar promised to them and to their successors forever, complete exemption from military service, and gave them lands along the Volga river for cultivation. Russia's pledge to a peace-loving people is now being broken, after the industrious Germans have drained and redeemed thousands of acres of swamp land near the Sea of Azov, and otherwise improved and civilized the province. As a result of this repeal, made necessary by the Czar's plans of war, thousands of Mennonites are preparing to flee to the United States and Canada, where they can enjoy religious freedom and immunity from military service.

An old sailor prides himself on his ability to sail on the rhomb-line over a convex surface, making the proper allowance for the divergence of meridian lines, and to land a vessel at any point desired; and he thinks that such a thing would be impos-

sible if the earth is concave, because, he says, in sailing 550 miles on such a surface in accordance with the methods now employed, he would land the vessel 92 miles beneath the surface of the ocean! The fact is, he has been sailing all the while on the concave surface, on which rhomb-lines, diverging meridians, and parallels of latitude sustain the same relation that they are supposed to do on the outside; it is a simple question in spherical trigonometry, which is as applicable in the inside of a hollow globe as on the outside of a convex solid earth. But it would not be safe to trust such a man to sail a vessel on a convex surface; for perhaps, in his imagination, after sailing the vessel 550 miles, he would find himself and his ship a hundred miles up in the atmosphere!

The people can determine the fate of political parties if they will; they are able to make parties and to destroy them. The politicians recognize the people as a political force, and shape their platforms and adopt their policies to win support; and a daily asks, "Will this be recognized as equally binding on religious movements?" That is what is the trouble with modern religions already; religious teachers promulgate that which is popular, and leave out of the question the important questions of reform. Imagine Jesus of Nazareth coming to the people asking, "Now, good people, what kind of a religion do you want me to give you?" Public opinion is never right when left to drift in the line of perverted uses and purposes of life. The potent and dominant force of true religion comes from the positive pole, and not from the masses. Americans desire a republican religion; but they will never have a true one on that basis!

If an idea is presented to you by a teacher for acceptance as a ray of light, trace it to its origin and see if it emanates from the anthropotic sun. It is not every "light" that is good; some are dangerous. You might walk in the light of the bull's-eye lantern in the hand of the burglar, and put yourself in his power; or follow the rays from the headlight of a locomotive, and be ground to death under the wheels. The search-light of the enemy's battleship may be dazzling, but there is no safety where it sweeps. Fads and fallacies are mental will-o'-the-wisps which, if chased for long, lead to swamps and graveyards, where danger and death lurk to welcome newcomers. Koreshanity is on solid ground—real *terra firma*. The science of the eternal cosmic form is its foundation, and its light is the blazing Sun of humanity, now rising to create the new day.

Since writing the editorial on the mysterious number thirteen, in THE FLAMING SWORD of December 8, 1899, we learn, through *Notes and Queries*, of the existence of a Thirteen Club in New York City, organized January 13, 1882. The club spreads a dinner on the 13th of each month; sits down at 8:13 o'clock, with 13 at a table; and partakes of 13 courses. The dues are 13 cents a month; and 13 annual reports constitute a volume. Marked copies of THE FLAMING SWORD containing this paragraph and the former editorial on the number 13, will perhaps prove to be lucky enough to be read and appreciated at the next dinner of the Thirteen Club.

"The republican party is leading us away from republicanism to an aristocratic form of government." No, it is not; it is merely manifesting to the people what the government of the United States has been all along. The republican party is removing the veil which has hitherto obscured the power behind the throne. We saw through the veil years ago; but thousands of editors and millions of people will have to wait until the climax is reached before they can see the point!

That which the mind can grasp can be appropriated and



applied in life. To grasp the truth of the entire universe is to come into possession of the powers which govern it, and to become exalted to the throne of universal dominion. This is the inheritance of the Man who overcomes death through the application of genuine science to human life.

America's destiny has hinged upon three great declarations: The Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of Emancipation, and the Declaration of War with Spain. America will reach its destiny in the Declaration of Universal Peace and Power,—the Decree of Dependence of all peoples upon the throne of divine Imperialism in the western world.

Modern astronomy has been considered by the masses as an exact science, and they accept the popular system without question; but the facts of cosmic form and function demonstrate that there is nothing exact about the modern fallacy but the fact that it is the exact opposite of the truth.

Koreshanity solves present problems in their direct relation to the future; because that which solves present problems is that which will make the future on the basis of the present solution, and accomplish all the stupendous possibilities which the future will inevitably bring.

The cells of a plant which, in their retrogression, deny the possibility of the formation of the seed as the pole of reproduction, become deposited in the stalk to die at the close of the season, while the progressive cells aspire to become resurrected in the perfect seed.

It is said that an open mind, an open hand, and an open heart will everywhere find an open door; but the nations that are endeavoring to find an open door to China, have open hands to take away that which does not belong to them.

Equilibrium of humanity must obtain through equitable adjustment of human rights, in the establishment of an organic unity, in which the various strata of humanity are specifically related to the governing center.

The agnostic asserts that it is impossible for man to ever solve the problems of the universe, and yet admits that evolution and progress obtain; and continued progress must inevitably lead to the climax.

The focus of all human progress constitutes the pivot of creation; that pivot or pole manifests in the world of humanity as a man, possessing the summing-up of the consciousness of the whole.

All energy is related to matter; every quality of energy has its correlate base or material pediment, and must ultimately express itself in the kind of matter with which it is correlated.

The devil has a mortgage on every man; at the death of the individual the mortgage is foreclosed according to due process of mortal law.

Cause is not located in the world of spirit alone; but at the nexus of spirit and matter, or at the point of union between the two.

Labor's bondage to capital is capital punishment, inflicted on the people for their perversion of commercial wisdom.

Insulate the mind against the forces of fallacy, and connect with the living, tangible battery of Truth!

People wait for change in human affairs, but it is usually change they can jingle in their pockets!

The modern church has shifted from the foundation of truth, and the pul-pits are bottomless.

The British Lion in South Africa is roaring for help in his struggle against the Boers!

The Russian Bear waves the wild olive-branch,—an imitation of the true symbol of peace.

Many people are generous to faults, but they are usually their own.

The age of inspiration expires when the age of illumination begins.

Sensualism impoverishes the soil in which the Tree of Life grows.

The wages of sin are paid to the devil.

A burden is lightest when well borne.

## Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

### Appointed Unto Men Once to Die.

Please explain how the Scripture, "It is appointed unto men once to die; but after that the judgment," may be harmonized with the Koreshan theory of re-embodiment.—READER.

The above quotation is usually isolated from the context to "prove" that each human being is allotted just one lifetime, and appointed to experience just one death, and after that to pass before the judgment bar in the sky. It appears very differently when subjected to analysis, in connection with the remainder of the sentence, and with the context. If it is appointed unto everybody to die just once, where is there room for the "second death"?

There is in the Greek text that which is not expressed in the popular transla-

tion; it is an *emphasis* which distinguishes the Men who are *appointed*, by the very inherent laws of being, to die, from the men who are saved through the death of the Men appointed. It does not refer to sensual men; but to *τοὺς ἀνθρώπους*, the Men, a specific type, to which Jesus himself belonged.

Every seed borne and reserved for sowing is *appointed* to die in the soil. It is the law of all seed; hence the law in humanity, "Cursed is every Man that hangeth on a tree"—the Seed man that is borne on the Tree of Life. This is exactly what is expressed in the quotation under consideration. But taken according to the popular conception of its meaning, it cannot be connected with the context; it would be a thought inter-

jected into the context, having no relation whatever to the clear line of logic that leads to the conclusion of the writer of the book of Hebrews, that it was *necessary* for Jesus of Nazareth to die. The statement is made that Jesus did not sacrifice himself for himself alone; and that he came at the conjunction of the ages to bear away sin. What is the premise of the statement? Why, the law that makes it necessary for the Men to die once *for all* (*ἀπαξ*), resulting in the judgment of the age. "So also the Anointed one (of the Men), having once *for all* (*ἀπαξ*) been offered to bear away sin, will be seen a second time without sin, by those who are expecting him, for salvation."

Look at the trend of the argument all



through Hebrews ix; it is that redemption can only come through the death of the Mediator, the divine Seed, the *nexus* between God and man. Jesus was both the Mediator and the Will; he was the Will bequeathing to humanity the legacy of immortal life; and that Will must be made valid through the *death* of the testator; because only through the death of the Man who made it, can that which is bequeathed come to the heirs. And this law made it necessary that He who knew no sin (in his immortal manifestation), should be made to be sin on our behalf, that through the processes of his sowing and his death in the soil of humanity, he might purify all with whom he was made at-one in death.

The very processes of the sowing of the divine Seed, and the very processes of regeneration of those in whom He was sown, necessitated the repeated *embodiments* of that life sown and the minds in which it was sown, in order to fulfil the dispensation and bring the harvest of humanity in humanity at the close of the age; and it is inevitable, according to this law of divine seed-sowing, that judgment of the world obtains at the end of every dispensation.

As the context stands in the Greek, it will not admit of the usual interpretation; because *each* of the men appointed to die must die once *for all*, the same as Jesus died for all; and certainly, the millions of corruptible dissolutions that occur in the world are not sacrificial; they have no relation to the functions of the divine priesthood. This Scripture emphatically shows that there is necessarily a succession of divine manifestations or Messiahs, who are appointed by the laws of divine existence, to die in order to perpetuate the life of God and humanity from dispensation to dispensation.

### Promiscuous Replies.

As the sun is the source of heat, why is it that as we ascend into the atmosphere the temperature is lowered? It would seem that the nearer the sun, the warmer the atmosphere would be.

Every energy is susceptible of being metamorphosed; and it is a law that there can be no transmutation of energy of a given quality to energy of another quality without the mediation of matter. Electricity cannot be transmuted to magnetism without entering into unity with the magnet, the material base of metamorphosis. Heat does not descend from the sun as heat, but only as a quality of energy which, when coming in contact with materials, produces heat. Light and heat are in unity in the sun's ray; but sunshine is warm only through the

actinism of the rays upon the materials intercepting them. The heat that warms the earth is generated in the materials of the earth; the material substances constitute the base of metamorphosis of the solar energies, and one quality results in heat. Light does not radiate from the central sun as light, but only as a quality of energy which, when coming in contact with the atmosphere of oxygen and nitrogen, produces a combustion which causes the phenomenon of light. Heat is susceptible of being transmuted to its opposite quality—cold; hence the strata of cold atmosphere into which the highest mountain peaks project, with their snow-capped summits.

How do you reconcile the Koreshan conception of the universe with your acceptance of the writings of Swedenborg, who states in his works that he was permitted to visit other earths and planets that are inhabited, outside of our solar system?

What Swedenborg saw was in the spiritual world, not in the natural. He visited the spiritual spheres of the Mars people, the Venus people, etc., who are here in the earth. They are outside of the solar sphere of humanity. We accept what was revealed to Swedenborg while in states of illumination. He did not understand the natural degree of the truth revealed to him, and consequently he could not present the natural science of truth. While in a state of illumination he saw the Koreshan Cosmogony; he saw the central sun surrounded by three atmospheres, and beneath the atmospheres, the earth. The three atmospheres were concentric, and the earth beneath the atmospheres enveloped or environed them, making the terrestrial body, a shell or firmament.

How is it that you seem to use the word levitating in the sense of light, not dark, when the dictionary indicates that it should be used in the sense of light, not heavy?

The reason we seem to use the word levitating in the sense referred to above, is simply because the man asking the question is mistaken in regard to our use of it. We referred, in issue of January 5, to energies, not materials. Levic and gravic energies possess opposite qualities; they are respectively, anodic and cathodic. There are both light and dark gravic energies generated in the sun; and levic energies may be either "light" or "dark," at the same time possessing ten thousand other qualities. Cathodic or gravic energies are descending energies; and anodic or levic energies are energies which ascend.

Kindly let me know how, if we live within a sphere about 8,000 miles in diameter, could the astronomers have figured the distance to the sun to be about 92,000,000 miles?—W. C. H.

Astronomers make their primary mistake in supposing that we live on the outside surface. From the basis of the assumed convex surface, from which they suppose observations are made, they project the sun to the distance of about 92,000,000 miles, and give it a proportionate magnitude. We take the same facts of observations and make calculations from the basis of the *concave* arc, and ascertain the sun's distance from the surface of the earth to be about 900 miles, with a proportionate magnitude. The astronomer's premise is wrong, and consequently all his conclusions as to the distance and size of the heavenly bodies are wrong also.

When is the great conflict between capital and labor to take place?

The conflict is on now, with frequent convulsions; but we have not yet reached the culmination of it—the revolution. We are not revealing the date; time will foreshorten in proportion as the energies which impulse the world accelerate. See the leading article by KORESH, in this issue of THE SWORD, in which are discussed the astro-biological evidences of the approaching end.

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### The Strongest Thing in the World.

There is an interesting story told in I Esdras, one of the books included in the Apocrypha, of three young men belonging to the body guard of Darius, who tried to excel each other in wise sayings. The first said, "Wine is the strongest," to which the second retorted, "The king is the strongest;" while the third added to the list, "Women are the strongest; but above all things, truth beareth away the victory." Each was compelled to defend his opinion before the king at the seat of judgment. Very weak and unstable were the reasons given by the first two. When the third had shown why he considered women the strongest, he took up the last part of his statement:

"O ye men!" said he, "are not women strong? But great is the earth, high is the heaven, swift is the sun in its course, for he compasseth the heavens round about and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day. Is He not great that maketh these things? Therefore, great is the truth, and stronger than all things."

"All the earth called upon the truth, and the heaven blesseth it; all works shake and tremble at it, and with it is no unrighteous thing. All men and all things are wicked and there is no truth in them, therefore shall they perish; but as for the truth, it endureth and is always strong; it liveth and conquereth for evermore. She is the strength, kingdom, power, and majesty of all ages; Blessed be the God of truth."



When he had finished, with one accord the people shouted: "Great is truth and mighty above all things."

To the third young man, the palm was given.

As I read that, it dawned upon me that in every age there are people who judge superficially, and others who have the power to lift the veil, and with keen perception discriminate between good and evil. My heart burned within me with gratitude to God who has delivered unto us the gospel of Truth, which no one can take from us, for our convictions are part of ourselves and belong to us vitally.

It is some satisfaction that we do not have to draw on our imagination to find out whether we possess true knowledge or not. It is no mere "play on words" or idle "tale of fiction" that we tell. We are standing firmly planted on the Rock, from which secure position no storm, however rough, nor wave, however strong, can move us.

Some people have said to me, when I have told them of my new convictions: "Oh, well, fads and manias are quite the fashion now-a-days; in a twelvemonth you will have a new one!" It is so difficult for them to realize that ours is not an emotional religion, but practical and scientific, having its foundation built upon the eternal laws of life.

When we place before people truth that seems to us so simple and comprehensible, and they fail to understand it, we forget that their eyes are holden and therefore it is impossible for them to regard things in the same light as ourselves, until the right time comes. What a glorious time that will be for all humanity when again, as before, all the people shall shout with one accord, "Great is truth and mighty above all things!"—F. A. J., New York City.

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### The White Horse and the Flaming Sword.

**Hindu Prophecy Concerning the Tenth Avatar of the God Vishnu, Fulfilled in Koreshanity.**

Just at this time, if the predictions of pious and learned Hindoos are worth anything, millions of women—all the "caste" women throughout India—will be thrown simultaneously into a swoon lasting an hour and a half.

It is the tenth incarnation of their god Vishnu that is looked for, and this to the Hindoo, means the end of all things earthly, just as to the Christian the second coming of Christ means the judgment and destruction of the world.

Vishnu has come on earth nine times in as many different forms. This time he is to appear in the heavens mounted on a white horse, brandishing a flaming sword resembling a comet.

Intense excitement has marked the waiting attitude of the devout in the province of Madras. No foreign observer ventures to doubt that, whether or not the god be-

comes visible to profane eyes, there will be plenty of women sufficiently wrought up in their emotions to fall in a swoon, and thus fulfil the prophecy of the priests.

Such a spectacle, extending throughout the length and breadth of an empire, would be unique among the religious manifestations of history. Women of all castes are included in the prediction—all the women in India, save those who have forfeited their rights by trafficking with the unclean.

There have been times in Christian countries, when whole communities have fallen into a frenzy over the millennium predicted by some evangelist; but such a demonstration as that which is looked for in India has never been approached elsewhere.

One feature that is of great interest to theologians, is the curious correspondence between Hindoo and Christian prophecy in this particular. The story of Vishnu on his white horse, with his blazing sword, is singularly like the story in the Christian Apocalypse of the events heralding the end of the world, and the judgment and purifying of all things.

Philosophers quote this coincidence as one of the proofs that the theology of Hindooism and that of Christianity sprang from a common source; and Christian theologians are not all inclined to dispute that conclusion, but interpret it as evidence of a revealed religion originally common to all the family of mankind.

Vishnu is the second god of the Hindoo trinity, and to all intents and purposes the supreme god of the Pantheon. In the great Sanscrit epic, the Ramayana, he is treated as the ruler of all things. He made heaven and earth. He reclines on the lotus, and is shaded by the many-headed serpent. Brahma the four-headed, springs from his body. But it is for his avatars, or reincarnations, that he is chiefly remarkable. It is believed that whenever the world has been disturbed, he has descended in a small portion of his essence and corrected the evil. Sometimes he has been a wonderful animal, a monster, a superhuman being; at other times he has been born in human likeness, but has possessed divine powers. It is probable that the heroes of some of these avatars were men so highly gifted that in the popular conception they gradually become clothed with divine attributes.

Thus if such a character as Moses, say, or John the Baptist, or St. Paul, or perhaps even Shakespeare or Napoleon, had appeared among the Hindoo, his overmastering spirituality, or eloquence, or wisdom, or military genius, as the case might be, would so powerfully have impressed his contemporaries that the tradition of his greatness, handed down to the next generation, might easily give rise first to the conjecture, then the hypothesis, then the theory, then the positive belief as an article of religious faith that he was indeed the great Vishnu, come on earth

again clothed in the divine power to help humanity over its rough path toward perfection.

Vishnu's reincarnation in their accepted order are: 1. Matsya (the fish); 2. Kurma (the tortoise); 3. Varaha (the boar); 4. Narasingha (the man-lion); 5. Vamana (the dwarf); 6. Parasurama; 7. Rama; 8. Krishna; 9. Buddha.

There are other versions of his appearances on earth, which vary widely from this. Some Hindoo theologians ascribe as many as thirty avatars to the illustrious deity. But these are not orthodox, and the reincarnations preached by them must be regarded as apocryphal. Orthodox Hindoos are very strict on this point.

The tenth, or white-horse avatar, is known as Kalki. An ancient prophecy assigned it to this present age, the fourth, or Kaliung.—N. Y. World.

### The Shaker View.

**In Reply to an Editorial Written After Reading the November, 1899, Manifesto.**

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—By what I see in a recent issue of your paper, I think you have been misinformed concerning Mount Lebanon Shakers. Shakers never wail, however severe may be their testing. It is those who are opposed to them, and such as have lost hope, that wail, and to backsliders, is added gnashing of teeth. You say they are divided, or that there is division among them. If there were not division among us, then might we lose hope and have cause to wail. We claim to be in the work of the Judgment, which divides truth from error, light from darkness, good from evil. We have enlisted in the war of Michael against the Dragon, and have been, from our beginning. That always creates division between him that serves God and him that serveth him not.

Tho' not so many in number as we once were, we retain the hope, the prospects, the courage, and the vitality of the greater number, and mean to bear them on to our successors, whom we believe will come forth in God's time. We believe the necessities of people will yet compel many to seek and embrace the treasure we have found and proved.

If we have aided any one toward the fulfilment of a righteous mission, it is cause for rejoicing. We are not jealous of any one's successes in a good way. If they are able to accomplish more good than we, that too, is cause for thankfulness, and not for foolish rivalry and contention. When those whose mission it is to save the world by destroying its wicked works, make war on each other, fools may deride, and no good, but great harm may result from the conflict. Yours for all good,—A. G. H. Mt. Lebanon, N. Y.

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### The World's News.

Jan. 10.—Political crisis is ripening in Kentucky; bloodshed expected; factions fighting over election results.—Russian forces reported concentrating on the borders of India to crowd out Great Britain.—Shah of Persia grants Russia exclusive right to construct railways in Persia.—McKinley reported desirous of intervening to save the British empire from ruin!—Senator Beveridge stirs the nation with a speech in favor of holding the Philip-



piners.—Dewey asks that bounties be paid for destruction of Spanish fleet at Manila.—British in a sorry plight in South Africa; Boers are storming Ladysmith, and preventing Buller's advance.—Jan. 11.—Cuban colony at La Gloria is breaking up.—Transvaal endeavoring to incite rebellion of Boers in Cape Colony.—Rockefeller argues in favor of trusts before U. S. industrial commission.—Filipino skirmishes continue.—Jan. 12.—Unknown Atlantic liner wrecked off coast of Newfoundland.—Battle at Ladysmith; reported British loss of 1,000, and 2,000 Boers.—Funeral of Dr. McGlynn at New York.—4 German diamond concerns close down because supply is cut off at Kimberly.—2 more French warships go to Santo Domingo.—Jan. 13.—Riotous demonstration against St. Louis alderman.—Russian warships are aggregating in Persian Gulf.—Race feud in Macedonia breaks out afresh; Bulgarians burn a parish priest.—Venezuelan insurgents continue to fight.—Jan. 14.—Felix Morris, popular actor, dies at New York.—British government decides to borrow \$100,000,000.—Canada fears trouble from northwestern Indian tribes.—London hears that Gen. White asks Boer commander for terms of surrender, and that Buller is defeated again.—Czar is proclaiming universal peace again!—\$15,000,000 American capital to be invested in Russia.—Jan. 15.—Floods bring death and ruin in Washington and Idaho; trains swept away and houses destroyed; other towns in danger.—Japo-Russian war cloud rising above the horizon; newspapers promise a conflict in the East.—Kentucky troops called out to defend Gov. Taylor against Goebel.—Tidal wave on coast of Peru damages docks and shipping.—War troubles threaten the stability of British cabinet; London takes a gloomy view of the war; British making no headway.—Boers say they lost only 140 men at the big battle of Ladysmith.—Jan. 16.—Barrier removed between the famous Chicago river and the new drainage canal.—Buller and Warren endeavoring to reach Ladysmith to relieve Gen. White; advices are meager, and English war department believed to be withholding the worst news.—Chicago tailors form a trust.—Honolulu alarmed over plague epidemic; city quarantined and business at a standstill.—France fears Anglo-American alliance.—Dr. Dowie, the healer, reported to be sick; leaves Chicago on a vacation.—Canada contributes \$3,000,000 to British war fund.

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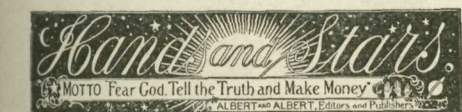
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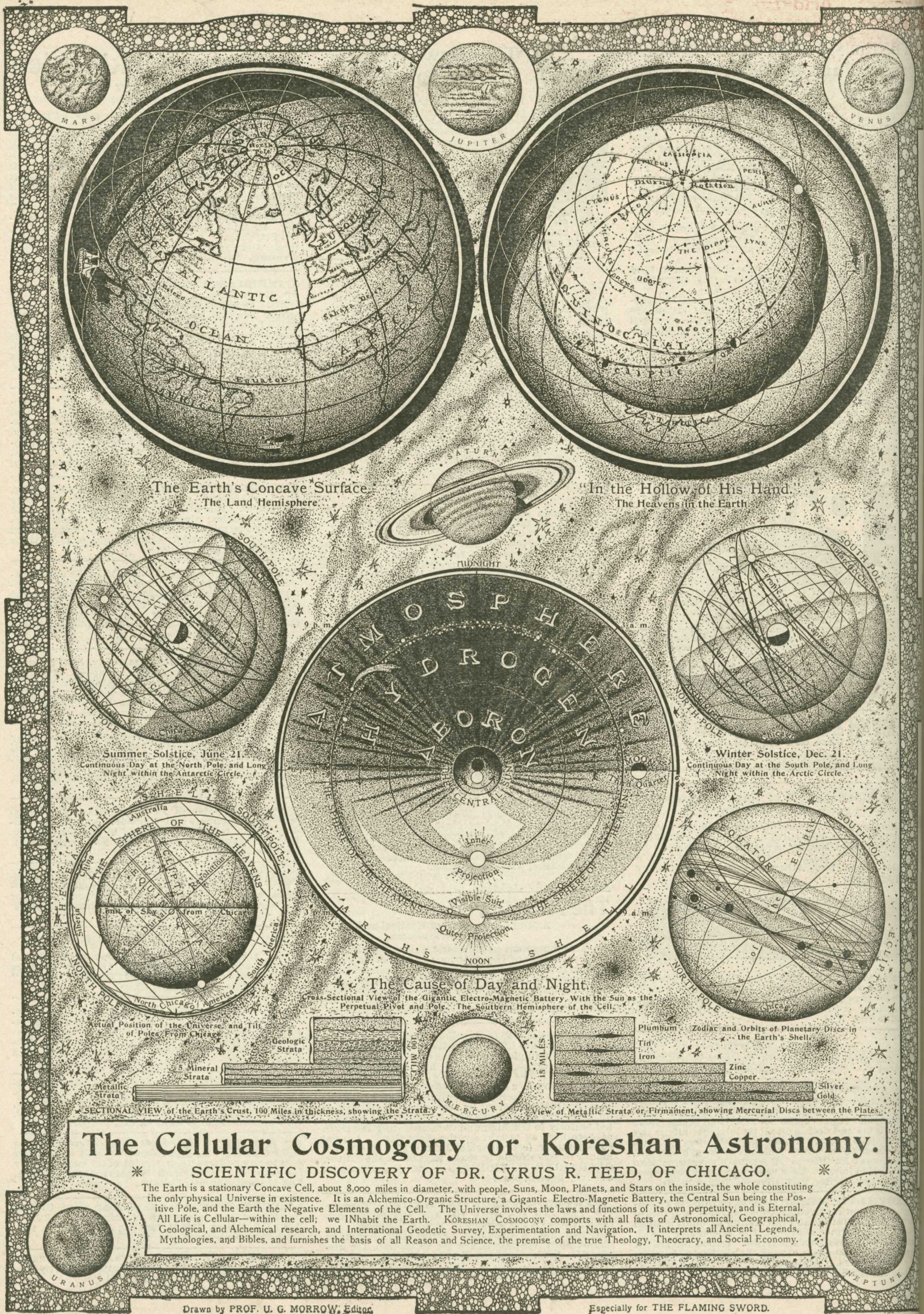
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